IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Snyder et al. Group No. 1611

Application No.: 10/821,745 Examiner: Ghali, Isis

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For: SUSTAINED RELEASE SURGICAL DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING AND USING

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EARLY RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action (made final) mailed May 25, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.